

# January Newsletter

January 2025

*The small church with a BIG heart.*



## Important Dates

### **Worship Service at Church and On-line**

**Worship Service** Sundays - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th @ 10 am

**Bible Study** Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @ 9:30 am

**Quilting** Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th @ 10:00 am

**Church Council Meeting** Tuesday - January 13th @ 7:00 pm

**Newsletter Deadline** January 20th @ 11:30 am

**Food Shelf** - Tuesdays - 7th - 8:00 - 9:30 am,  
14th, 21st, 28th, - 4:30-6 pm

**WELCA** Wednesday February 5th @ 10:00 am (No January meeting)

**Church School** - Sunday - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - 9:15 am - 9:45 am

**Confirmation** - Wednesday - 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Annual Meeting** Sunday January 19th after the worship service

**Potluck Fellowship** Sunday January 19th following the Annual Meeting

## Prayer Requests

Cyndi Christopher (Jill Ballard's sister), Kim & Bonnie Sather (parents of Kayla Barrett), Jack Vang (Nou's Uncle), Matt Crosby, Baby Koralai Keeler (friends of Dorry Wallof), Mary Ohmann, Justine Ohmann, Diane Trapp, Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's mom), Bill Richer, and Nicole Mies Anderson, Dureen/Tootsie Mies and her family.

### ***Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:***

Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Chico & Clarice Krenik, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner

### **Those who have lost loved ones recently.**

*When requested, we will be keeping loved ones on the prayer request list for a month.*

*If you would like them to stay on longer please let Dixie know.*

*You can contact Dixie at [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com) or leave a message at (507) 263-9182.*

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## Pastor's Message

Greetings and Happy New Year, St. Mark's Lutheran!

The beginning of a new year is always an opportunity to reflect, refocus, and renew our commitment to our community. I pray this year will be one of spiritual growth, deepened relationships, and abundant blessings for everyone.

This January, we also celebrate the season of Epiphany—a time of light, revelation, and recognition of Christ as the Savior of the world. Just as the Magi followed the star to find the Christ child, we are also called to seek Him with open hearts and lives ready to worship and serve. May this season remind us of the beauty of Christ's light shining in our lives and all around us.

Last year, our newsletter articles focused on **BIG** stories, ideas, and events from the Bible and how they connect to our everyday lives. This year, I invite you to journey with me as we delve into the timeless truths of the Ten Commandments. These foundational words, given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai, continue to guide us in how we love God and love our neighbors.

Each month, we'll explore one of the commandments—unpacking its meaning, considering how it shapes our relationships, and reflecting on how it applies to our modern lives. From the call to honor God above all, to the challenge of Sabbath rest, to the importance of integrity and truth, the Ten Commandments remain a rich source of wisdom and direction for our faith journey.

Let us gather together in 2025 with hearts open to God's will and hands ready to do his work. As we study the Ten Commandments, may we grow closer to God and one another, embodying his love and grace in all that we do.

Blessings to you and your families as we begin this new year!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Lue

## ***Church School Information***

### **Church School Calendar**

**Sunday Mornings 9:15 am-9:45 am**

**Confirmation Wednesday Evenings 7pm-8pm**

## ***WELCA Information***

### **WELCA Info**

#### **WELCA Is On Facebook**

St. Mark's WELCA has started a page on Facebook.

Find us at:

***St. Mark's Randolph MN WELCA***



- **Next WELCA**-February 5, 2024 @ 10:00 am (no meeting in January)
- **Library** - We will be cleaning and organizing the church library sometime in January or February. If you would like to help, please contact Dixie Schaffer so we can find a date and time that will work.

### **St. Mark's Quilters**

The quilters are looking for an ironing board.

If you have one that is in good shape and would like to donate it, please contact either Colleen Thompson or Dixie Schaffer.

You can email the church at [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com)

or leave a message on the church phone (507) 263-9182



## ***Bible Study Opportunities***

### **Morning Adult Bible Studies**

Bible study on Tuesdays starts at 9:30 am.

The 1st Wednesday Bible Study starts at 11:00 am

Please join us.



### **New Wednesday Night Bible Study**

St. Marks will be hosting a 7-week Adult Bible study on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm at the church January 15-February 26. We will be studying the book of John using the bible study "40 days through the book John Study guide". Each week we will look at a different part of the book of John with a short video and discussion questions on how we can live out God's word. Please bring a bible and an open mind to learn and share. There is a weekly devotion that accompanies the series that we can have available but it is not necessary to complete in order to learn along with the group.

<https://www.christianbook.com/study-guide-with-days-through-book/9780310156536/pd/15653X?event=Bible-Studies|1015799#CBD-PD-Description>



### **Annual Meeting**

St. Mark's Lutheran Church will hold their annual meeting on  
January 19, 2025 after the worship service.  
We will be having a potluck meal after the meeting, please join us.  
Bring a dish to share if you would like.

### **St. Mark's Church Council for 2025**

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| <b>President</b>           | Dan Kuhn   |
| <b>Vice President</b>      | Tyler Otte   |
| <b>Secretary</b>           | Keri Lorenzen                                      |
| <b>Treasurer</b>           | Christine Otte                                     |
| <b>Financial Secretary</b> | Dixie Schaffer                                     |
| <b>Deacons</b>             | Kelly Tate<br>Stephanie Krueger<br>Lucinda Preston |
| <b>Trustees</b>            | Luke Dubbles<br>Robert Nivala                      |

The Annual Reports will be emailed before the Annual Meeting.  
Thank you to Eric Otte and Al Bester for their years of service to St. Mark's!

### **2024 Annual Giving Statements**

The 2024 annual giving statements will be going out in the next few weeks,  
be sure to watch your email or mail box for your statement.  
If you have any questions about your statement or if you don't receive it,  
please contact Dixie at the church email  
stmarksrandolph@gmail.com  
or leave a message at (507) 263-9182

## Community Events

### Community Food Shelf

Here at Saint Mark's Lutheran, we try our best to serve our neighbors. One of the many ways we help is by providing food to our local communities. Saint Mark's Lutheran would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting our food shelf.

If you know anyone that could benefit from receiving some extra food please let them know we're here to help.

**1st Tuesday- 8:00 am - 9:30 am**

**2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays -**

**4:30 pm to 6:00 pm**

**No Food Shelf December 24th**

All cash donations are used to buy healthy perishable food items.

### College Student Food Shelf Invite

The Food Shelf is inviting any College Student to come and get some supplies from the food shelf. We want to help with your expenses during these years. Please come when the Food Shelf is open or contact Beth Bester at (651) 246-9301.

### 1 Wheelchair Available



If you are in need of a wheelchair, for a day, a week, a month, or six months, we have 1 wheelchairs at church that you can borrow. Check with Dixie on availability.

*If you know of any events that we should add to Community Events, please contact Dixie at [stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com](mailto:stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com) or call (507) 263-9182 before the Newsletter deadline which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month by 11:30 am.*



# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship  
10:00 am  
And Live on Facebook

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**We're on the Web  
& Facebook**

## Giving Options

You can send your offering  
through the mail at  
PO Box 206 Randolph  
or  
download the [Vanco Mobile](#)  
app on your mobile phone  
search [st marks randolph mn](#)  
or  
click the [GIVE](#) button on our  
[website](#).

## Saint Mark's Lutheran Contact & Staff

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